

### **REMARKS**

This is a response to the Final Office action mailed October 29, 2004. For this response claims 1 – 14 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 14 have been allowed by the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that the amendment being filed herewith be entered.

### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to Claim 1 due to a typographical error. Claim 1 has been amended to correct the error.


### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 10 as being anticipated by Martin, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,424,996). The Applicants respectfully disagree. However, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, which the Examiner indicated would place the claims in condition for allowance. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite “the second conductive line being directly connected to the output of the buffer and to the output of the second latch”. Similarly, independent claim 10 has been amended to recite “connecting a second conductive line directly to the output of the buffer and to the output of the second latch”. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,  
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